Funds for Development of Wakf Properties

165. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual contribution from the Government to the Central Wakf Council for operating the revolving fund for development of Wakf properties in the country;

(b) the total fund available with the Central Wakf Council for the development of Wakf properties;

(c) the number of new projects approved by the Central Wakf Council for development during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 State-wise; and

(d) the number of applications pending for sanction of development loan before the Central Wakf Council, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The Central Government gives an annual grant-in-aid to the Central Wakf Council for implementing a scheme for development of urban Wakf properties. Under this scheme the Council extends loan assistance to Wakf Boards/Wakf Institutions for execution of projects for development of urban Wakf lands by construction of commercially viable buildings thereon. The repayment of loan by the Wakf Boards/Wakf Institutions forms the revolving fund which is again used by the Council for financing minor development schemes not costing more than Rs. 10 lakhs. During 1995-96, a grant-in-aid of Rs. 129.34 lakhs was released by the Central Government to the Central Wakf Council. The budget provision for 1996-97 is Rs. 125 lakhs.

(b) As on 31st March, 1996 amount of Rs. 171.30 lakhs is available with the Central Wakf Council under its revolving fund for development of Urban Wakf properties.

(c) The State-wise break-up of new ojects approved by Central Wakf Council and the Central Government for development during the last three years is as follows:

(i) 1993-94 — Three projects, all from Orissa.

(ii) 1994-95 — 6 projects (5 from Karnataka and 1 from Maharashtra).

(iii) 1995-96 — 3 Projects (one each from Karnataka, Kerala & Orissa).

These projects have been recommended by the Central Wakf Council to the Central Government for approval.

(d) The State-wise break-up of applications pending with the Central Wakf Council for sanction of development loan is as follows:—

Sr. No.	Name of the State	No. of Application(s)
1.	Bihar	1
2.	Karnataka	6
3.	Kerala	2
4.	Madhya Pradesh	6
5.	Manipur	1
6.	U.P.	4
	TOTAL	20

Funding of Minor Forest Produce Opertions in Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh

166. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are funding the minor forest produce operations in the Tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh as a welfare measure for the Tribal of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which these operations are benefiting the Tribals of the State in improving their life style?